

**RESPONSE UNDER CFR 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP 1744**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN THE APPLICATION OF : Donald A. Sargent et al.
FOR : METHOD AND DEVICE FOR DEACTIVATING
ITEMS AND FOR MAINTAINING SUCH ITEMS
IN A DEACTIVATED STATE

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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated November 14, 2006, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.